



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

And Other Relative Caregivers



Macomb County Dept. of Senior Citizen Services

Counseling Program

Apr-May, 2007

GRG CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Support Group - VerKuilen Building**
April 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
May 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
(Childcare provided)
- **Support Group - Mt. Calvary**
April 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
May 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(There will be organized activities for kids ages 3-14, starting at 6:00 p.m.)
- **Advisory Board Meeting - VerKuilen Building**
May 8, 10:00-12:00 p.m.
- **Educational Speaker Night**
May 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (see attached)
- **Free Shredding Day for Seniors.**
April 24, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- **Weekend Family Camp - August 17, 18 and 19 (See form)**

Please Welcome

We would like to welcome Ann Wagner to GRG effective February 14. She is coming to us from the Macomb County Library. Ann will be our new clerical support person. Please feel free to contact her if you need any information regarding our program. She will do her best to supply you with what you need. Although we will miss Sue as she enjoys her retirement, please help us to welcome Ann to GRG.



Family Camp Weekend

What Is Family Camp??? Family camp is a FREE weekend for you and your family members to enjoy an exciting and rewarding experience together. Some of the activities include horseback riding, swimming, bonfires, night hikes, wall climbing; the list goes on and on. If you haven't joined us in the past, you won't want to pass up this opportunity to participate in this weekend of fun-filled memories.

We have reserved Camp Copneconic for our regular weekend, which is August 17-19, 2007. Registration is by mail only, on a first come basis. (See attached registration form). We will call to confirm your reservation when it is received.

Advisory Board Meeting

Attention: We are looking for some new faces/ideas. GRG decisions are made at these meetings and we really would appreciate your input. The Advisory Board Meeting will be held on May 8, 2007 here at the VerKuilen Building from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakfast will be provided so please come hungry. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. with Ann Wagner (586) 469-7826.

Educational Speaker Night

On Monday, May 7 we would like to present Su Porter from the Michigan State Extension. Su will be providing us with useful information on the subject of "*Teaching Our Children Self-discipline*". Please join us for this special engagement. Childcare will be

provided so please don't hesitate. Send your registration today or contact Ann Wagner at 586-469-7826 to register.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit

Big Brothers Big Sisters has received funding to expand their mentoring services for children who have an incarcerated parent. Each child matched with a volunteer will receive services through their Community-based program. Volunteers recruited from the community will receive training support and match supervision from BBBS professional staff. Please contact La'Leatha Spillers (248) 569-0600 for more information.

Free Shredding Day

Free paper shredding for Macomb County Senior Citizens will be available on April 24th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township. (see attached).

Crime Victims Rights Week

Don't miss out on this free event! On April 23rd you will have the opportunity to learn about identity theft, scams and prevention. Seating is limited so please register by calling Chris Misuraca, Victim Liaison, 586-469-6326.

Early Childhood Parenting Classes

(For Parents with Children ages 5 and under)

APRIL SESSIONS:

Tuesdays, April 17 - June 5, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Classes are held at the Centerline Early Childhood Center, 24580 Cunningham, Warren (South of 10 Mile Road/East of Ryan).

Wednesdays, April 18 - June 6, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the St. Clair Shores Co-op Nursery, 24036 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores (Between 9 & 10 Mile Road/East side

of Greater Mack inside First United Methodist Church).

The book "Parenting Young Children" by Dinkmeyer & McKay is provided. THESE WORKSHOPS ARE FREE. Free childcare is available. For registration or other information, call 586-541-0033.

Electronic Newsletter

We now have the capability of e-mailing our newsletter directly to your computer. If you would like this service, and we hope you will, please e-mail Ann Wagner at Ann.Wagner@macombcountymi.gov or call 586-469-7826. This information will be treated with the same confidentiality as other information we have received from you.

We will continue mailing the newsletter for those of you who do not have a computer or do not want this service.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for our next newsletter is May 18. If you have something you would like to put into the newsletter, please contact Ann Wagner at 586-469-7826.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call:

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Have a Safe and Wonderful Holiday

